

4. (Amended) Stent according to claim 3, wherein the removable holding element that keeps the break (4) of the stent (1) together is at least one of a thread (9), a plastic band (12) or a large number of rivets (13) and is formed of a material which dissolves in the body of the patient.

5. (Amended) Stent according to claim 3, wherein the removable holding element is a wire or stylet (8) made of metal.

6. (Amended) Stent according to claim 5, wherein a holding element or drawn thread engaging through the punchings (6) along the break (4) is a surgical sewing thread which in particular runs from a front face (10) of the stent (1) to an opposite face (11) and from there back again through the punchings (6), and wherein beginning and end of the holding element or thread (9) are connected with each other.

7. (Amended) Stent according to claim 1, wherein the stent is constructed in a flat, unrolled form, and is shaped into a support sleeve which is held together on the edges facing one another according to the shaping of the sleeve by a holding element connecting the punchings (6), wherein the holding element comprises a wire or a thread (9).